WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for transmitting streaming media through a network of computers in a secured manner to a client device, the method comprising:

transferring streaming media, the streaming media comprising control information and data information;

removing one or more bits from one or more packets from the streaming media to form a masked version of the streaming media; and

transferring the masked version of the streaming media to a client device over a network; and

converting the masked version of the streaming media to a display format;

displaying the masked version of the streaming media in the display format where the masked version of streaming media producing an incomplete output of the streaming media.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more bits comprise at least one percent or more of the streaming media or at least 0.1% of the streaming media.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the network comprises a cable television network or a network of computers.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising recombining the one or more bits with the masked version of the streaming media to reform the streaming media and converting the reformed streaming media into a display format. .

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the streaming media is selected from MPEG-2, MPEG-4, and digital audio.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the streaming media is compressed digital media.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the one or more bits comprises content information.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the incomplete output of the streaming media is substantially free from being understandable such that the incomplete output is substantially free from any usefulness.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the network of computers is the Internet.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein the client device is selected from a television, a computer, a personal digital assistant, a network computer, and a workstation.

11. A method for providing security to compressed digital media, the method comprising:

removing one or more bits form compressed digital media to form a masked compressed digital media to make the compressed digital media substantially inoperable;

transferring the masked compressed digital media; and

transferring the one or more bits to combine with the masked compressed digital media to make the masked compressed digital media operable.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the one or more bits comprise at least one percent or more of the compressed digital media.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein the transferring occurs through a network selected from a cable television network or a network of computers.

14. The method of claim 11 the compressed digital media are selected from MPEG-2, MPEG-4, and digital audio.

15. The method of claim 11 further comprising adding dummy one or more bits into the masked compressed digital media.

16. The method of claim 15 further comprising removing the dummy one or more bits from the masked compressed digital media before combining the one or more bits back into the masked compressed digital media.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein the dummy one or more bits comprises information that is substantially free from any usefulness.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein the dummy one or more bits comprises information that provides a security alert.

19. A system for providing security to compressed digital media, the system including a medium for computer codes, the codes include at least:

a first code directed to removing one or more bits form compressed digital media to form a masked compressed digital media to make the compressed digital media substantially inoperable;

a second code directed to transferring the masked compressed digital media; and

a third code directed to transferring the one or more bits to combine with the masked compressed digital media to make the masked compressed digital media operable.

20. The system of claim 19 wherein the computer codes are provided on a single memory or a distributed memory.